



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

## Meeting Date

May 17, 2023

## COMPENSATION TO WRONGFULLY CONVICTED INDIVIDUAL

The BPW approved \$812,247 in compensation, attorney's fees, and housing benefits to David Veney, who served 8 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted in Salisbury of rape and burglary. He is the 20th Marylander in the Board's history to receive compensation for being harmed by the criminal justice system in this way.

In 2021, the legislature passed the **Walter Lomax Act** establishing a process and formula to compensate erroneously convicted and incarcerated residents. It is based on days confined (2,853 in this case) and annual median income (\$91,431).

## CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS HOME

The BPW accepted a report from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for an **emergency procurement** contract award to PruittHealth Veterans Services – Maryland, Inc. (Norcross, GA) to provide management services for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (CHVH). This is a 4-year, \$159 million contract. The current contract for management of the CHVH was **terminated** for default due to ongoing violations of the contract which seriously jeopardized the life, health, and safety of its residents.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 93 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$408,634,859, including:

- 4 items awarding \$3.1 million to prime certified small businesses
- 3 items awarding \$2.4 million to prime minority business enterprises
- 2 items awarding \$1.2 million to Employment Works Program providers
- 7 items with established participation goals for minority business enterprises, and 4 items for veteran-owned small business enterprises
- Grant agreements for 19 recipients located in 10 counties, with a total value of \$28 million

## MORGAN STATE UNIV. STUDENT HOUSING

The BPW approved a \$3 million lease modification with **Altus Student Housing, LLC** (College Park, MD) to **increase capacity for student housing** at Morgan State for the 2023-2024 Academic Year amidst historic enrollment levels. This contract allows Morgan State to lease an additional 216 units and 75 parking spaces, on top of the 152 units and 50 parking spaces currently leased.

The BPW also approved a \$4.8 million contract for the **renovation of two legacy residence halls**: Baldwin Hall and Cummings House.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

The BPW approved a \$5 million capital grant to the Kennedy Krieger Institute in support of a new campus in Southern Maryland where they will provide highly individualized education to students aged 5 to 21 with autism spectrum disorder.